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# SONIC THE COMIC HEDGEHOG. MANAY!

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STORY

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WITH  
**AMY!**

**CHAOTIX!**  
THE CREW CONTINUE!

**KNUCKLES!**  
HOME SWEET HOME!

**DECAP!**  
MONSTER MASS!

**SPIKE BADNIK!**  
PIN-UP!

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FORTNIGHTLY

# CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers!

My resolution for 1996 is not to listen to the humes-who-think-they're-in-charge! Would you believe that I'm sat here armed with a lump of coal (they insist it brings good luck for the New Year - anything to keep them quiet!). Before I'm affected by a touch of the Hogmanays, I'd like to thank all of you who sent in a Christmas card (far nicer than a lump of coal!). Now for what's in store in STC's first issue of '96 ...

The Crew continue in the Sonic story *Return of Chaotix*. The Decap Attackers reach the end of *Monster of the Year* - but never fear - they star in a teeth-chattering story next issue. Knuckles goes 'out with the old and in with the new'. The Homecoming reaches a grand finale, but a new Knuckles story begins in issue 69. You'll have noticed that she's back! Yes, Amy stars in the winter warming *Snow Business*.

There's also a party-on-down pin-up featuring Spiker the Badnik. Oh, and Sonic and co try out a few disguises in your own art page, *The Graphic Zone*. Right, I'm off for a spot of 'first footing' with Sonic (if only he'd slow down!). However, before I go there's one more thing ...

HAVE A MEGA NEW YEAR!

Megadroid  
& THE STC HUMES

## Time Flies!

1995 whizzed past almost as fast as Sonic does! Not only did it prove to be a Sega-sational year for Knuckles, star of the *Chaotix* 32X game, but the *Chaotix* Crew were also a hit with you Boomers.

Sonic had his work cut out in *Sonic Drift Racing* and the release of the Sega Saturn caused a few oohs and aahs (as will future news on this multi-purpose 32-bit machine). What else happened ...

Sega presented STC with an award in recognition of standards of excellence in Sonic merchandise. Coo-el!



If you're wondering whether Sonic needs a rest after such a choca-filled 1995 - no sirree! There's a brand new Sonic game planned for 1996 and - well, you'll just have to keep reading STC and all will be revealed!

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## MEGA DRIVE

- 1 NEW MORTAL KOMBAT 3
- 2 NEW MICRO MACHINES '96
- 3 ↓ FIFA SOCCER '95
- 4 ↓ PGA TOUR GOLF 3
- 5 ● MICKEY MANIA
- 6 ↓ BRIAN LARA CRICKET
- 7 ↓ CANNON FODDER
- 8 ↓ THEME PARK
- 9 RE NHL '95
- 10 ↓ RUGBY WORLD CUP 1995

## MEGA-CD

- 1 ● GROUND ZERO TEXAS
- 2 ● SOULSTAR
- 3 ↑ MICKEY MANIA
- 4 ↑ BRUTAL: PAWS OF FURY
- 5 ● TOMCAT ALLEY
- 6 ↓ FIFA INTERNATIONAL SOCCER
- 7 ↑ EARTHWORM JIM
- 8 RE PUGGSY
- 9 ↓ NOVA STORM
- 10 NEW ROAD AVENGER

## MASTER SYSTEM

- 1 ↑ ROBOCOP V TERMINATOR
- 2 ↓ MICKEY MOUSE 2
- 3 ● THE LION KING
- 4 RE JAMES POND 2 - ROBODOD
- 5 ↓ DESERT STRIKE
- 6 RE ASTERIX AND THE SECRET MISSION
- 7 ↓ SONIC CHAOS
- 8 ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 9 ↓ STREETS OF RAGE
- 10 ↓ JUNGLE BOOK

## GAME GEAR

- 1 ● STAR TREK: GENERATIONS
- 2 ● FANTASTIC ADVENTURES OF DIZZY
- 3 ↑ THE LION KING
- 4 ↓ STRIDER 2
- 5 ● DROPZONE
- 6 ↓ REN AND STIMPY
- 7 NEW C.J.'S ELEPHANT ANTICS
- 8 ↓ SONIC CHAOS
- 9 ● MICRO MACHINES 2
- 10 RE MORTAL KOMBAT 2

# SONIC

## The Return of Chaotix

Part 2

THE HEDGEHOG

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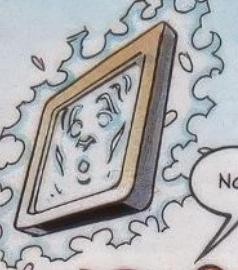
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THE CHAOTIX CREW HAVE TURNED UP ON MOBIUS - THEIR MISSION TO STOP THE BROTHERHOOD OF METALLIX.

HOWEVER, BY THE LOOK OF THE MIRACLE PLANET THEY MAY BE TOO LATE.



PORKER, YOU WERE ON THE MIRACLE PLANET FOR A MONTH... DIDN'T YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?



NO...



SO THE METALLIX EMPEROR WASN'T DESTROYED AFTER ALL, AND HE'S HAD A MONTH\* TO CREATE NEW METALLIXES!

\* THE MIRACLE PLANET ONLY APPEARS IN THIS DIMENSION ONCE A MONTH - MEGADROID.

THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!

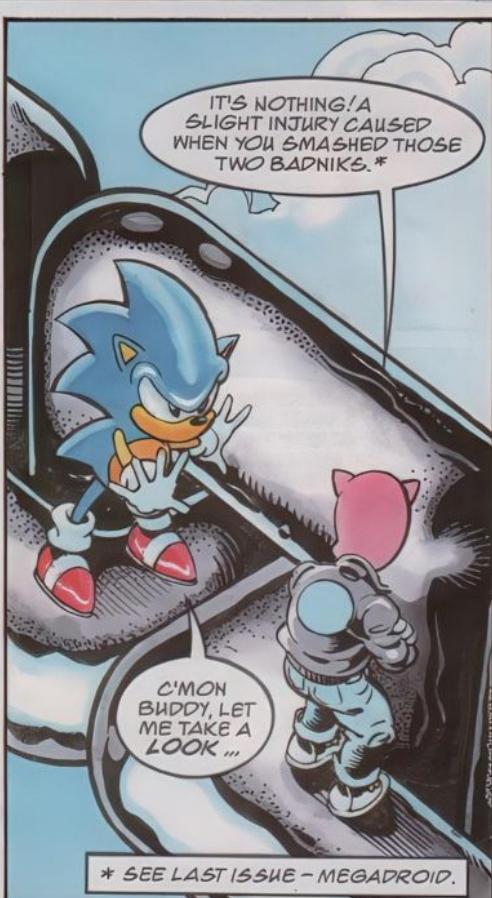
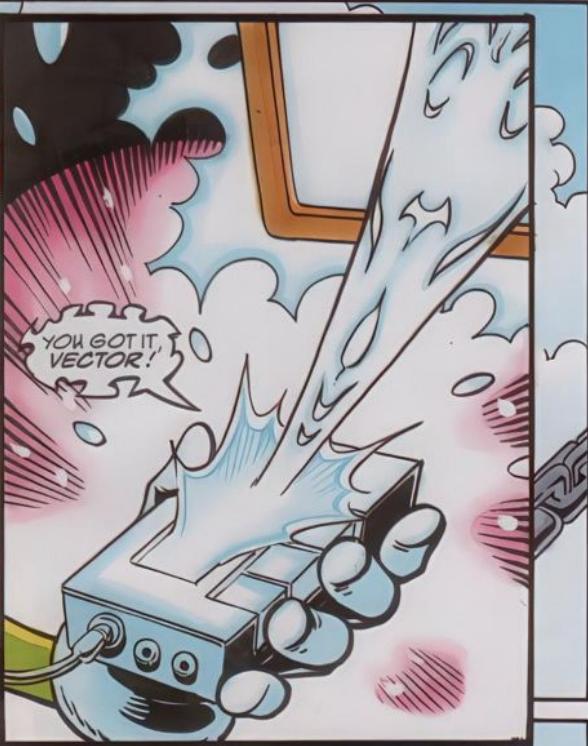
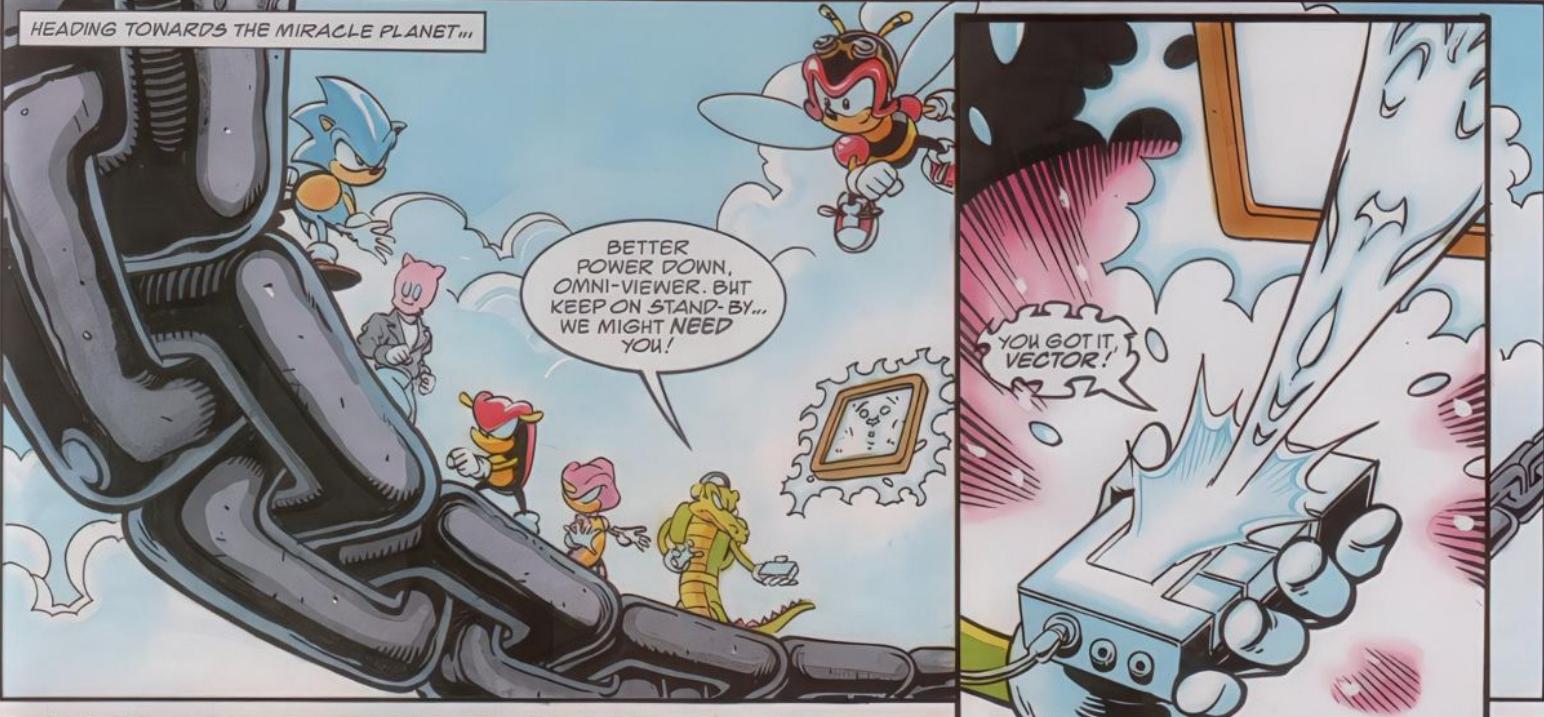


DON'T JUST STAND THERE! LET'S DESTROY THE BROTHERHOOD OF METALLIX BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

KEEP YOUR SPIKES ON, LITTLE GUY!



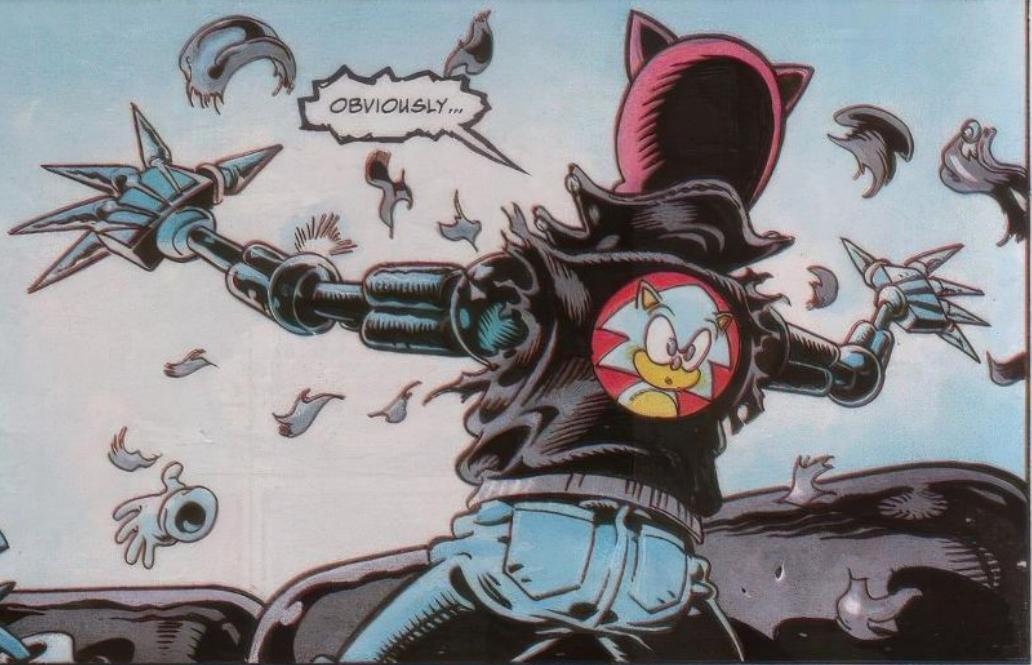
HEADING TOWARDS THE MIRACLE PLANET...



\* SEE LAST ISSUE - MEGADROID.

YOU'RE  
NOT PORKER  
LEWIS!

OBVIOUSLY...



I AM OF THE  
BROTHERHOOD OF  
METALLIX AND HAVE  
BEEN SENT TO  
DESTROY YOH!

GOOD  
FRIEND  
OF YOURS,  
SONIC?

QUIT  
YAPPING  
AND GIVE ME  
A HAND!

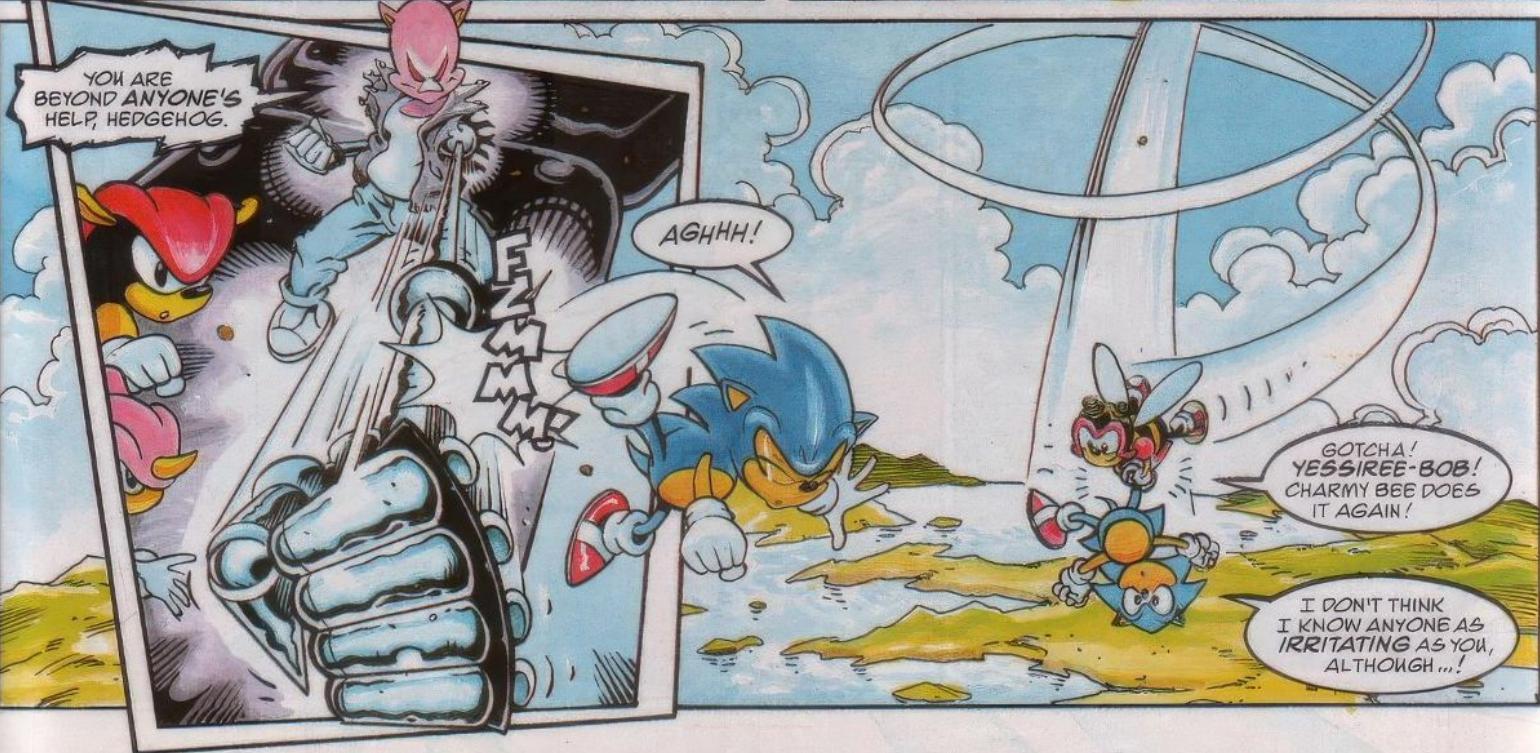


YOU ARE  
BEYOND ANYONE'S  
HELP, HEDGEHOG.

AGHHH!

GOTCHA!  
YESSIREE-BOB!  
CHARMY BEE DOES  
IT AGAIN!

I DON'T THINK  
I KNOW ANYONE AS  
IRRITATING AS YOU,  
ALTHOUGH...



MEANWHILE ...

LET'S SEE  
HOW YOU MEASURE  
UP AGAINST ME!

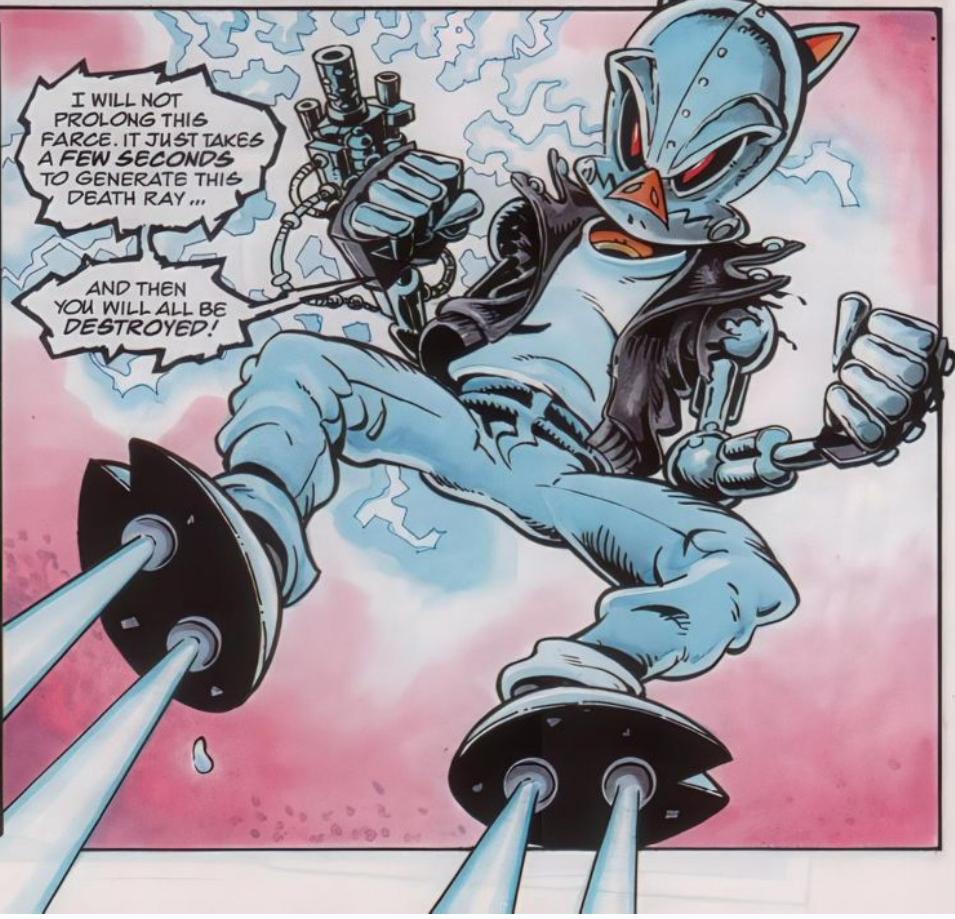
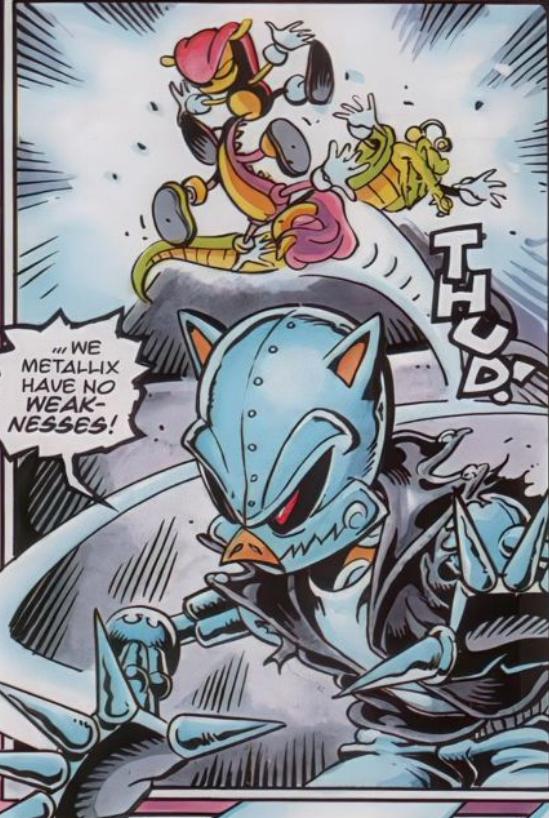
WHILE THE  
METALLIX IS BUSY  
WITH MIGHTY, I'LL USE  
MY CHAMELEON POWER  
TO SNEAK BEHIND HIM!

YOUR STRENGTH'S  
NOTHING TO ME!

ARGHHH!

I'LL ONLY GET  
ONE CHANCE...

SO YOU THINK  
MY HEAD IS A WEAK  
SPOT?



I CAN MAKE  
GOOD USE OF A FEW  
SECONDS, BLOCK-  
HEAD!

YIPPI-  
DIPPY-DO!  
WE GOT HIM  
FOR SURE!

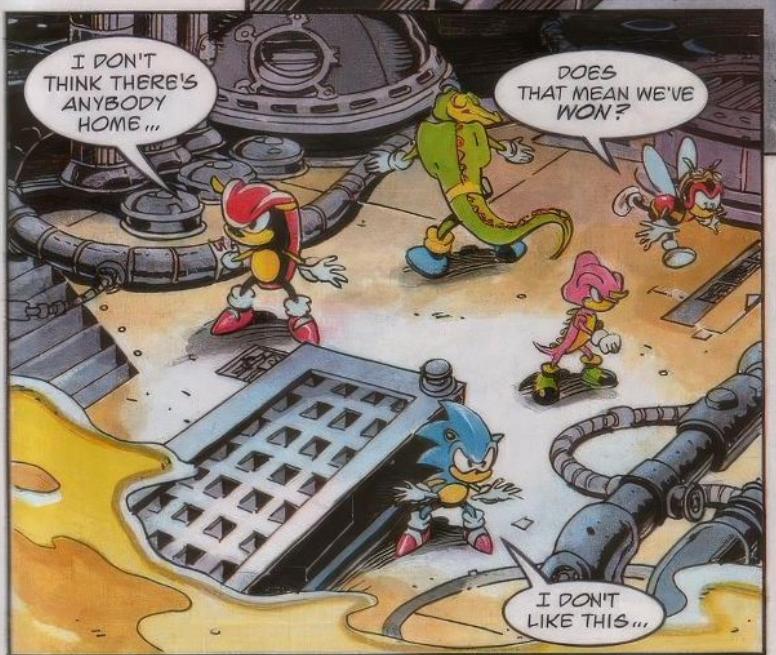
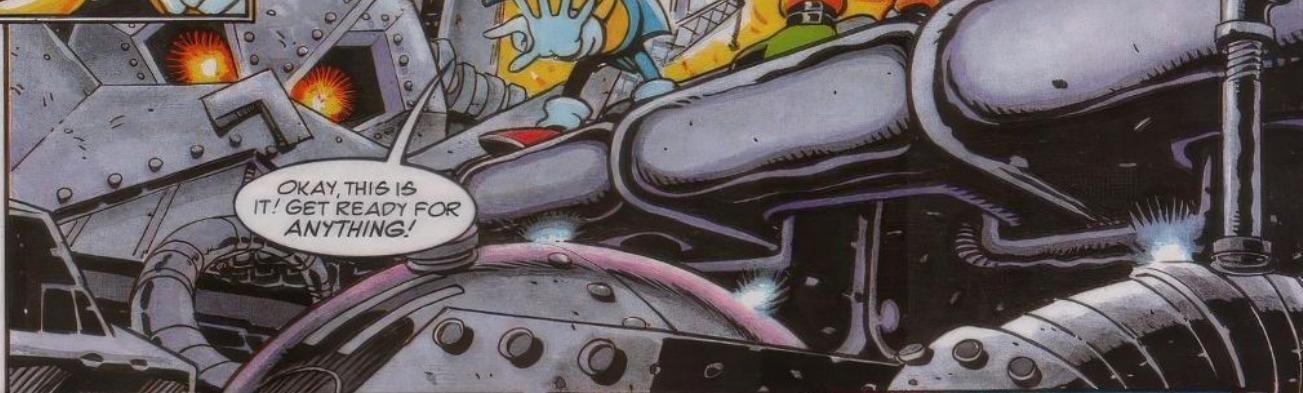
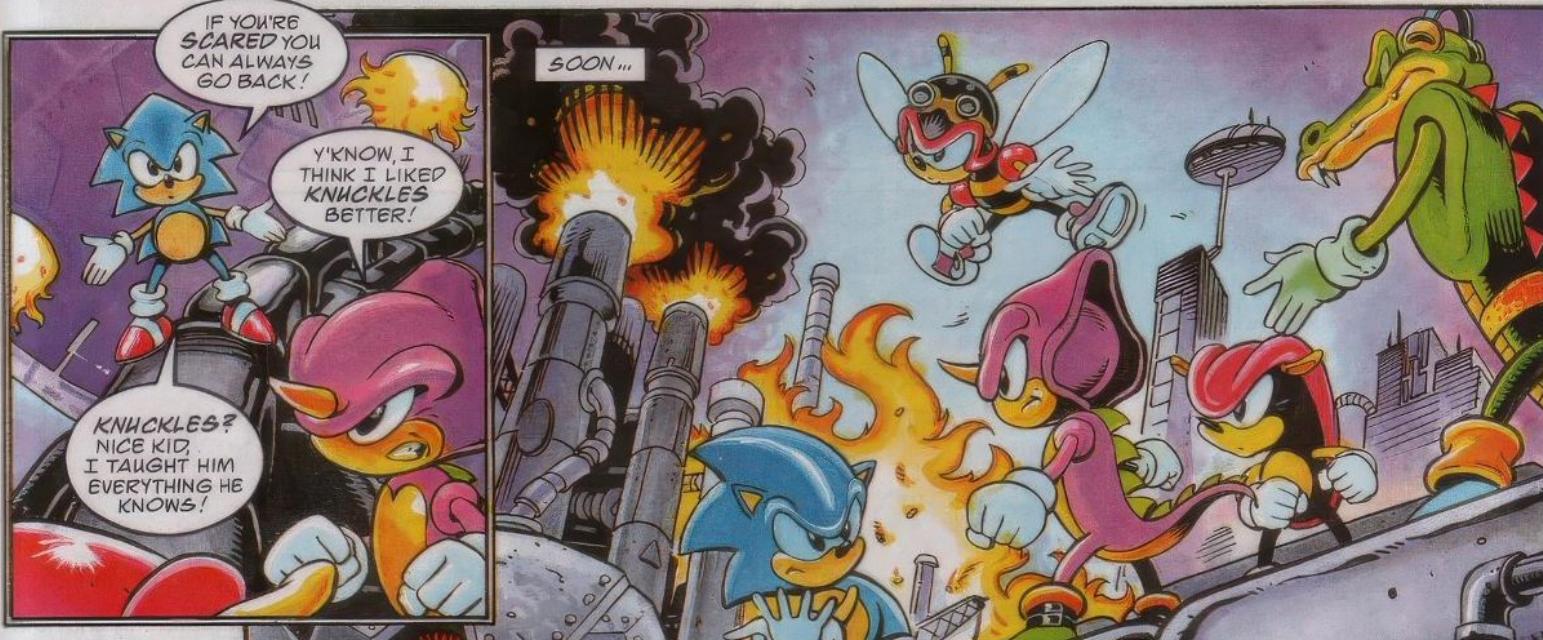
MY BLASTER...  
DAMAGED... WILL  
CAUSE POWER  
OVERLOAD!

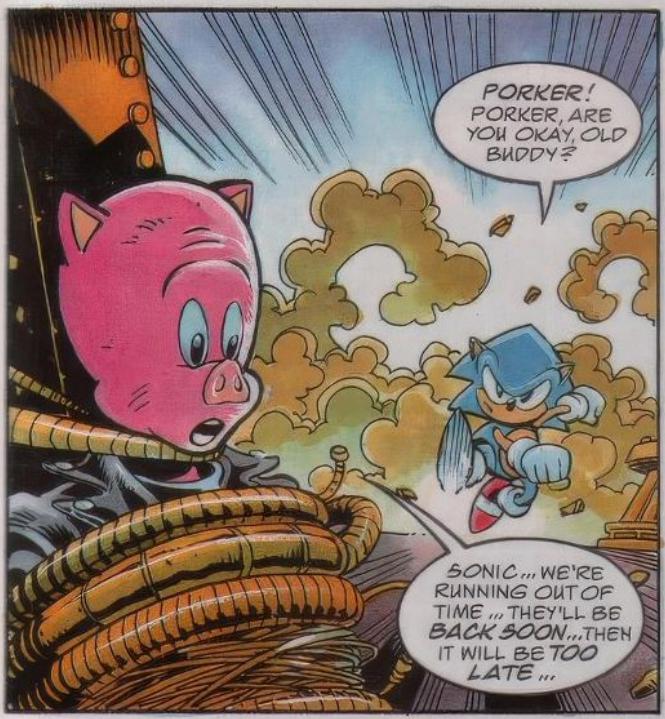
HEY GUYS...  
DO YOU REALLY  
WANT TO STAND  
NEXT TO THIS  
DUDE AS HE  
EXPLODES? GET  
RID OF HIM,  
QUICK!

MIGHTY,  
USE THE  
LINK-  
RINGS!

COMING UP,  
VECTOR!

TAKE HIM OUT!





# REVIEW ZONE

YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

STC'S RATING SYSTEM  
UNDER 40 = YAWNNSVILLE

40-70 = NORMALSVILLE  
70-80 = FUN CITY

80-90 = BIG TIME CITY  
OVER 90 = MEGA CITY

## PETE SAMPRAS TENNIS '96

Reviewed by Neil Bryant.



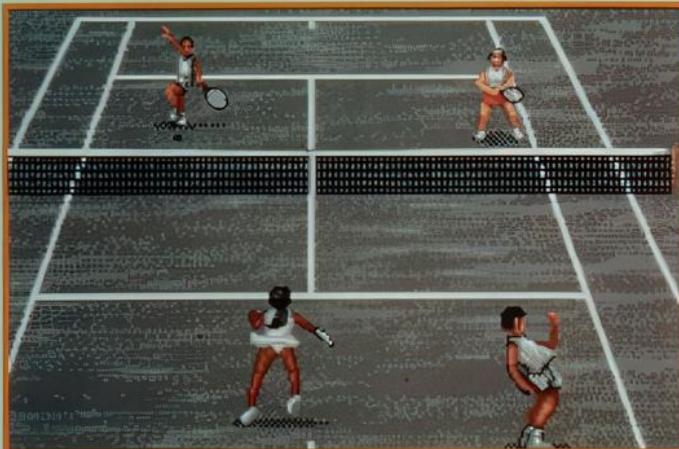
GAME TYPE: SPORT  
PLAYERS: 1-4  
PUBLISHER: CODEMASTERS  
PRICE: £44.99



This finely tuned version of the original *Pete Sampras Tennis* game includes lots of new touches, making it a cut above other 16-bit tennis sims.

Apart from the original play options of a Challenge Match and Tournament, *Pete Sampras Tennis '96* features a new Pro-World Tour spanning over an impressive choice of surfaces and locations. Again the J-cart facility enables up to four players to play simultaneously, or four to eight players in a tournament match. There's a squad of eight players to choose from (including the World's number one player, Sampras of course); each have individual skills, but all are able to perform the new range of moves from jump shots, super serves, running backwards for the ball and even after-play tantrums!

Codemasters have done well to capture a realistic feel to this game by using sample crowd sounds taken from live games. The graphics are top notch and



boast a whopping 5,000 frames of animation.

Gameplay has also been made easier with some special features, including a superb 'after touch' facility allowing power, direction and control each time you hit the ball. You can also change the camera angle continuously throughout the game, allowing you to play towards or away from your opponent.

The only criticism is that anyone who already has the original *Pete Sampras Tennis* may find the '96 version - although improved - too familiar. However, gamers looking to buy their first pro tennis sim should definitely plump for this.

### FINAL COUNTDOWN

#### RAVES

Ace sound and graphics.



GRAPHICS 92

#### GRAVES

Too familiar for gamers with original game.



SOUND 91

PLAYABILITY 94

OVERALL 90

# MICRO MACHINES '96

PRE-RELEASE VERSION

Reviewed by Neil Bryant



GAME TYPE: RACING  
PLAYERS: 1-8

PUBLISHER: CODEMASTERS  
PRICE: £44.99



The ultimate in novelty racing games, *Micro Machines* and *Micro Machines 2* were wonderfully wacky -however, *Micro Machines '96* is truly awesome!

The new additions to this latest version range from vehicles and race tracks to tournaments and special features.

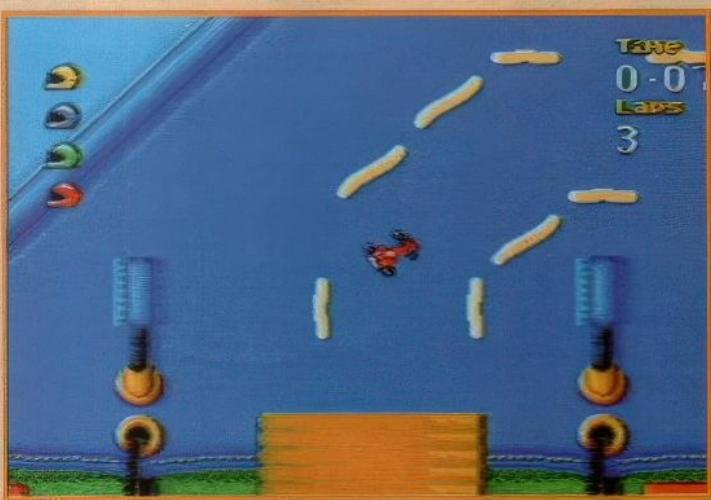
Codemasters have maintained the high quality graphics and created some new zany settings for racing tracks, including a science lab, a camp-site and gymnasium (imagine driving your micro machine past a towering bunsen burner!).

Racing vehicles are taken into the 21st Century with the likes of solar-powered cars and jets. There's also four new one-player modes,



seven new multi-player tournaments, new characters and a shared controller mode on the J-Cart for four, six and eight players. If that doesn't satisfy your appetite, there's a Construction Kit feature enabling you to create your own track, customise your vehicle and even choose which weather

See over... ➤



◀ *Continued...*

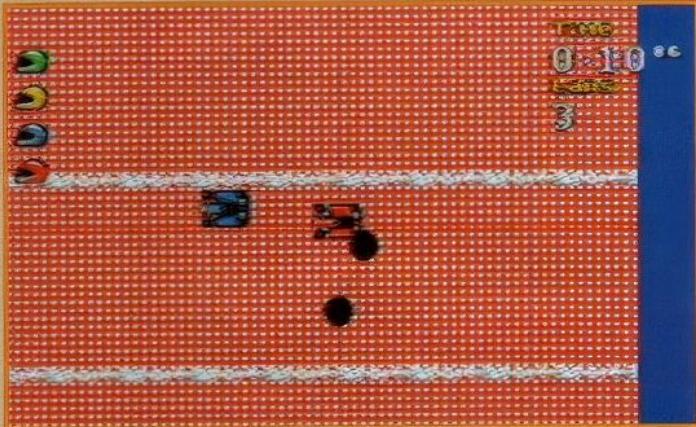
conditions to race in.

New gamers to *Micro Machines* may initially find the controls tricky to handle, but with practice you'll soon be racing along with the best of them.

Even though the sound

effects and theme music are in keeping with the previous games, try as I might, I couldn't find anything to nit-pick about!

*Micro Machines '96* is in a class of its own and is undoubtedly the best value for money game around.



| <b>FINAL COUNTDOWN</b>             |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>RAVES</b><br><i>Everything!</i> | <b>GRAPHICS</b> 98    |
|                                    | <b>SOUND</b> 97       |
| <b>GRAVES</b><br><i>None!</i>      | <b>PLAYABILITY</b> 99 |
|                                    | <b>OVERALL</b> 98     |

THINGS ARE GETTING OUT OF HAND AT THE MONSTER OF THE YEAR CEREMONY...

YOU'RE NOT FIT TO BE IN THE MAN-MADE MONSTER CATEGORY!

# Decap ATTACK

MONSTER OF THE YEAR

Part 3

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SAME OLD THING EVERY YEAR!

MONSTER  
OF THE  
YEAR

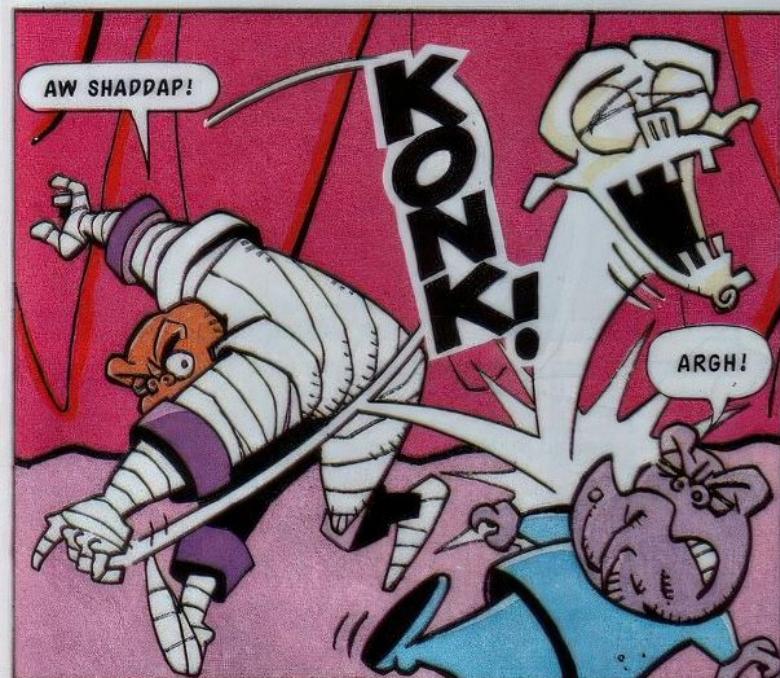
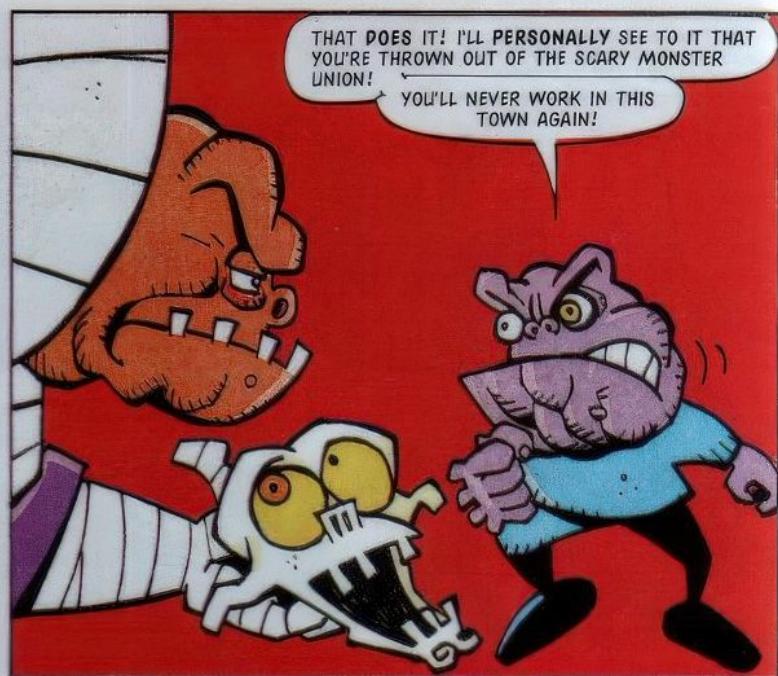
FOR BADNESS SAKE, JUST HURRY UP AND THUMP HIM!

WHY HURRY? WHAT HARM CAN CHUCK CAUSE WITH HIS ARMS PINNED...

BOP!

I'M GLAD YOU ASKED...





THE FINALISTS AWAIT THE  
RESULT OF OVERALL WINNER OF  
MONSTER OF THE NEW YEAR

I'M PLENTY SICK OF  
YOU THROWING ME AT  
PEOPLE, CHUCK.

OH YEAH?

MONSTER  
OF THE  
YEAR

LISTEN, BONE HEAD,  
I ONLY KEEP YOU  
AROUND OUT OF  
PITY!

IF... IF THAT'S HOW  
YOU FEEL, PERHAPS  
WE SHOULD PART...  
SNIFF...

SUITS  
ME!

SSSHH...  
THEY'RE  
ANNOUNCING  
THE WINNER!

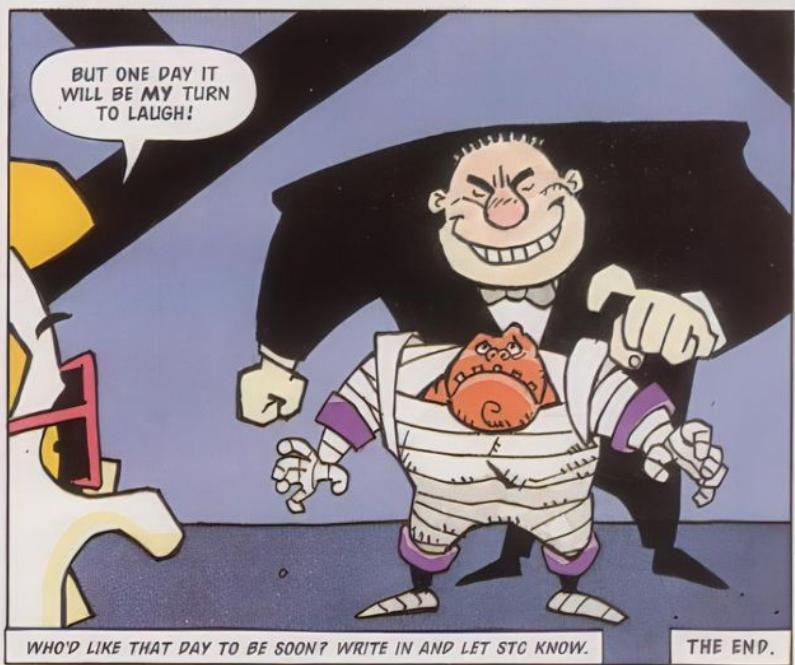
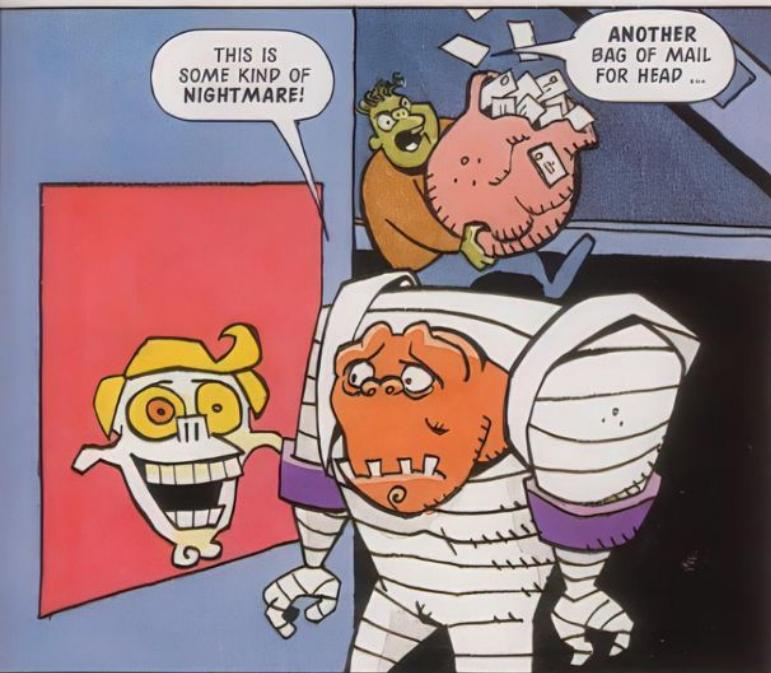
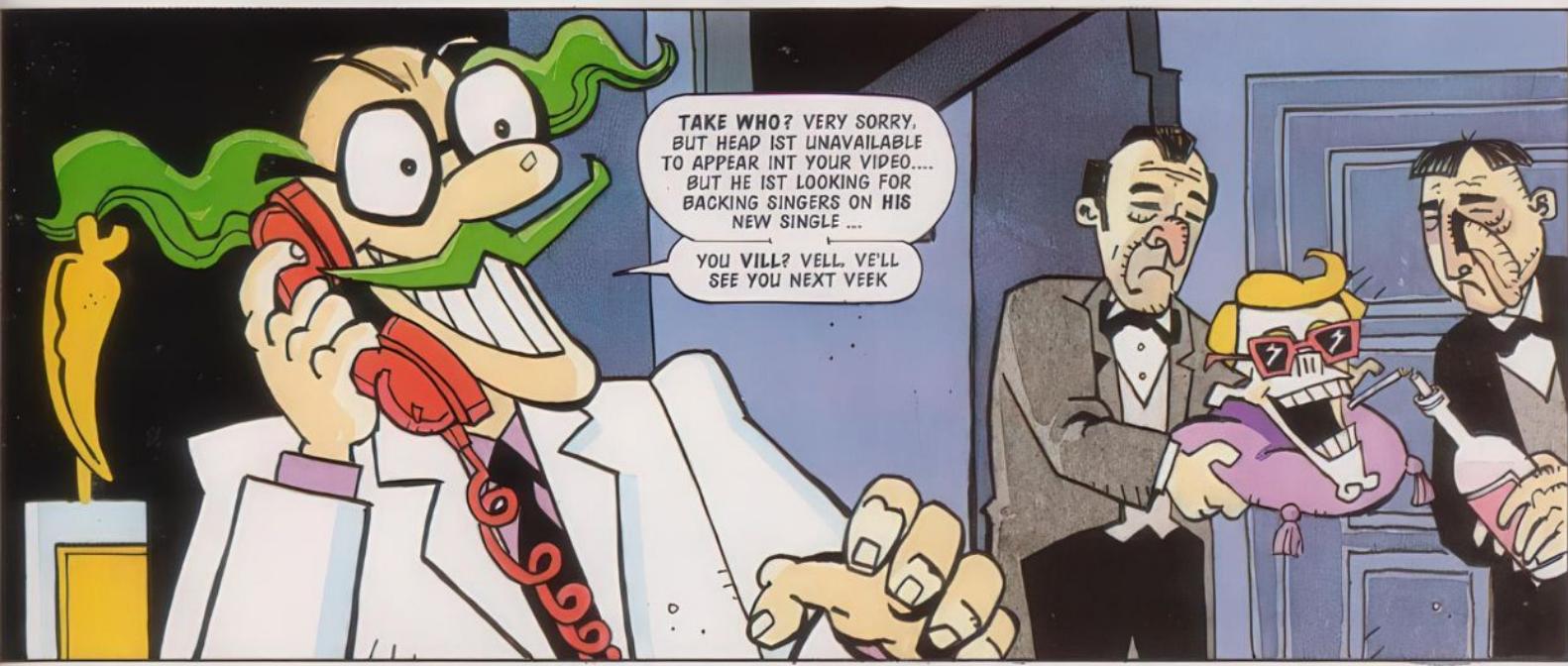
AND THE WINNER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS  
GOLDEN FANG AWARD IS 'HEAD',  
CREATED BY FRANK N. STEIN!

VE VON!

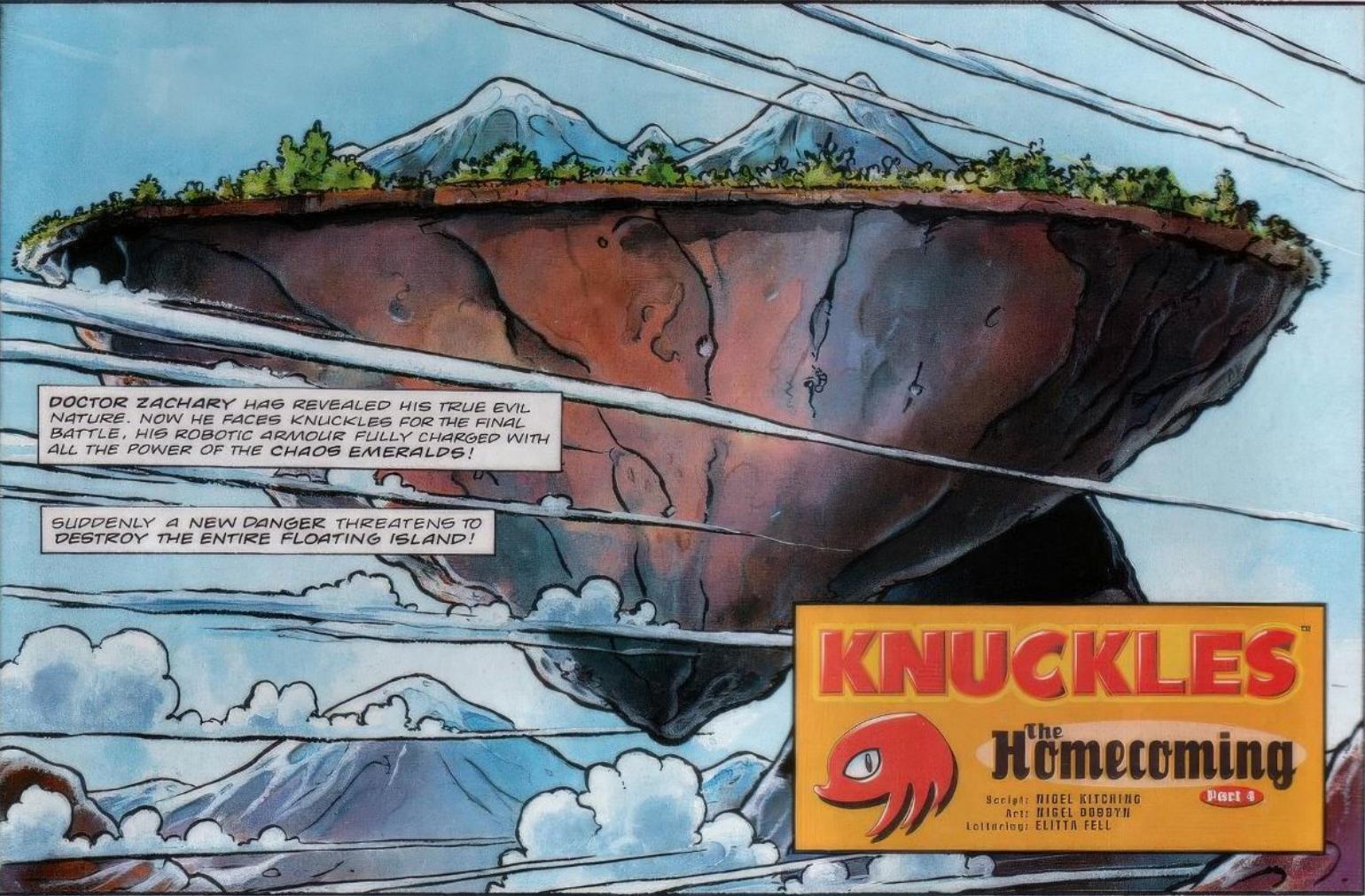
NOW CAN  
WE GO?

THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE THEM,  
PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER!

THANK YOU....  
THANK YOU  
SO MUCH!



NEXT ISSUE: DECAPPERS IN THE HEADLESS SNOWMEN



DOCTOR ZACHARY HAS REVEALED HIS TRUE EVIL NATURE. NOW HE FACES KNUCKLES FOR THE FINAL BATTLE, HIS ROBOTIC ARMOUR FULLY CHARGED WITH ALL THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS!

SUDDENLY A NEW DANGER THREATENS TO DESTROY THE ENTIRE FLOATING ISLAND!

# KNUCKLES

## The Homecoming

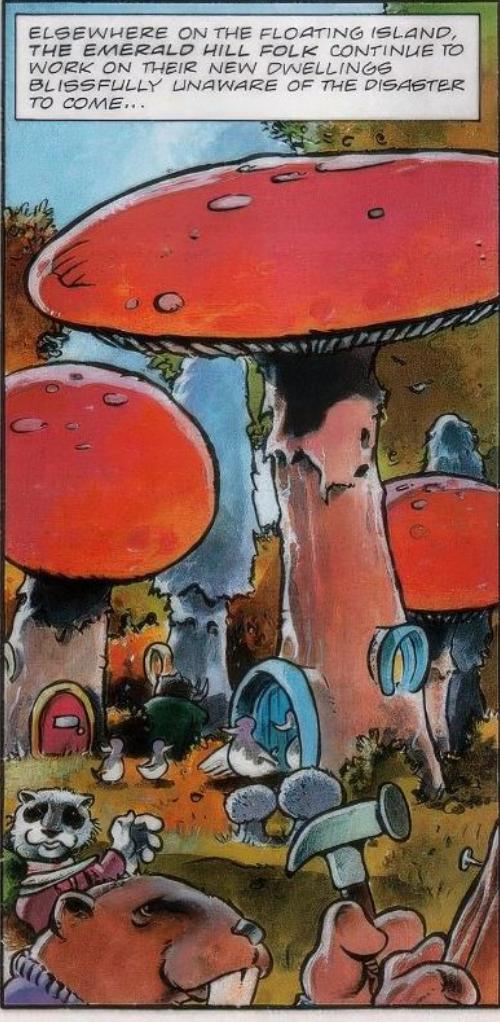
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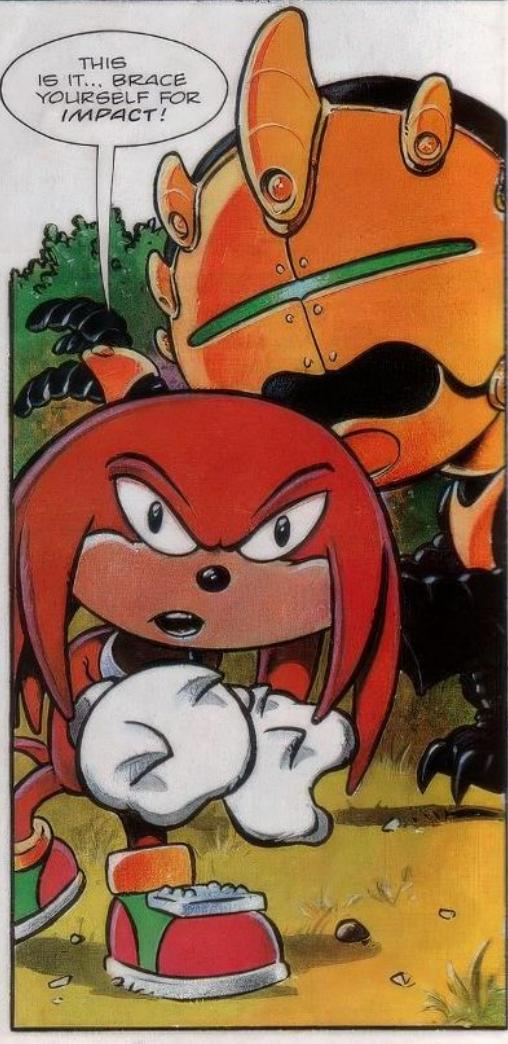
WE'RE ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH THE MOUNTAINS! NOW THE MASTER EMERALD'S DESTROYED, THE FLOATING ISLAND CAN'T REMAIN IN THE SKY!

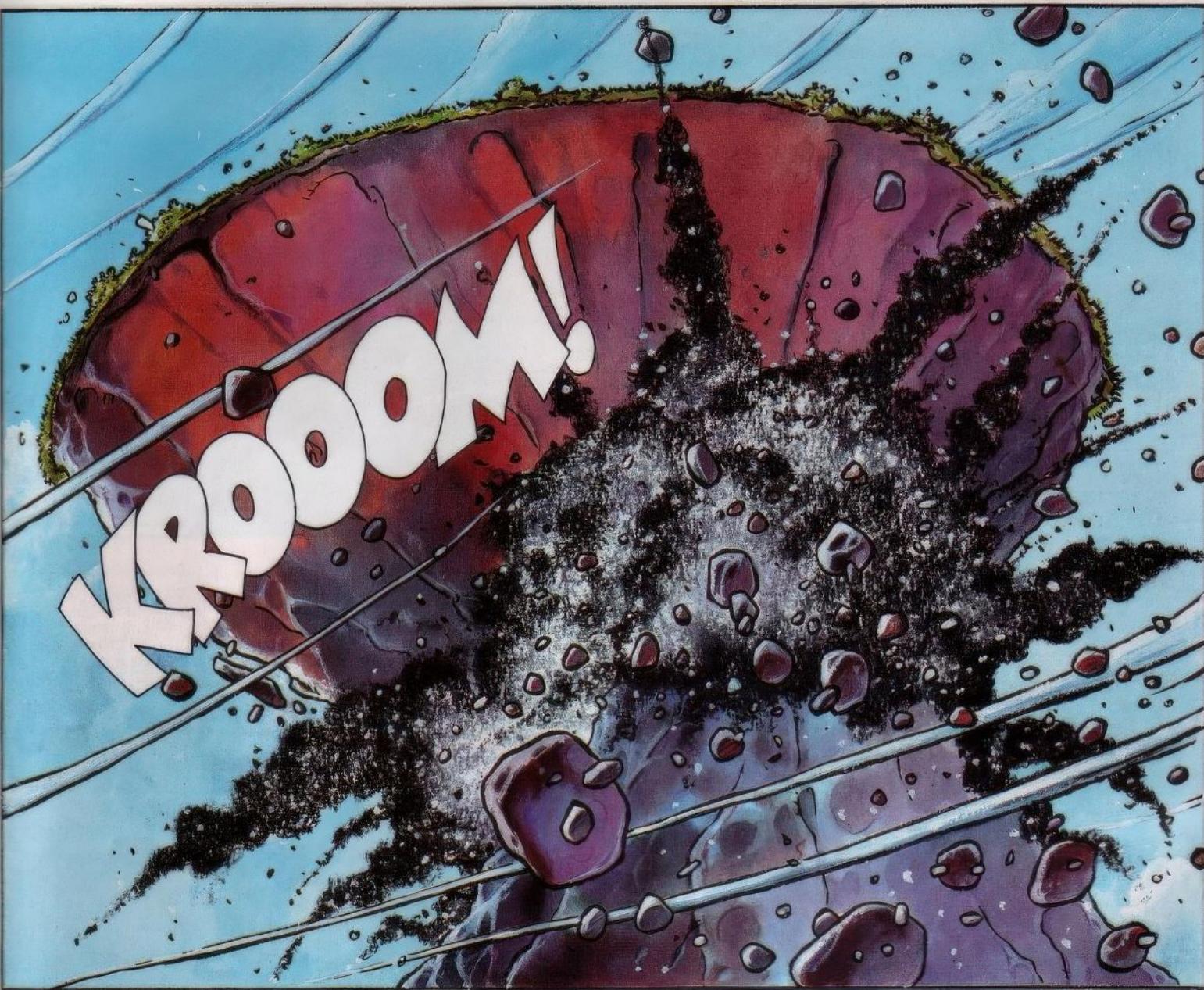
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO!

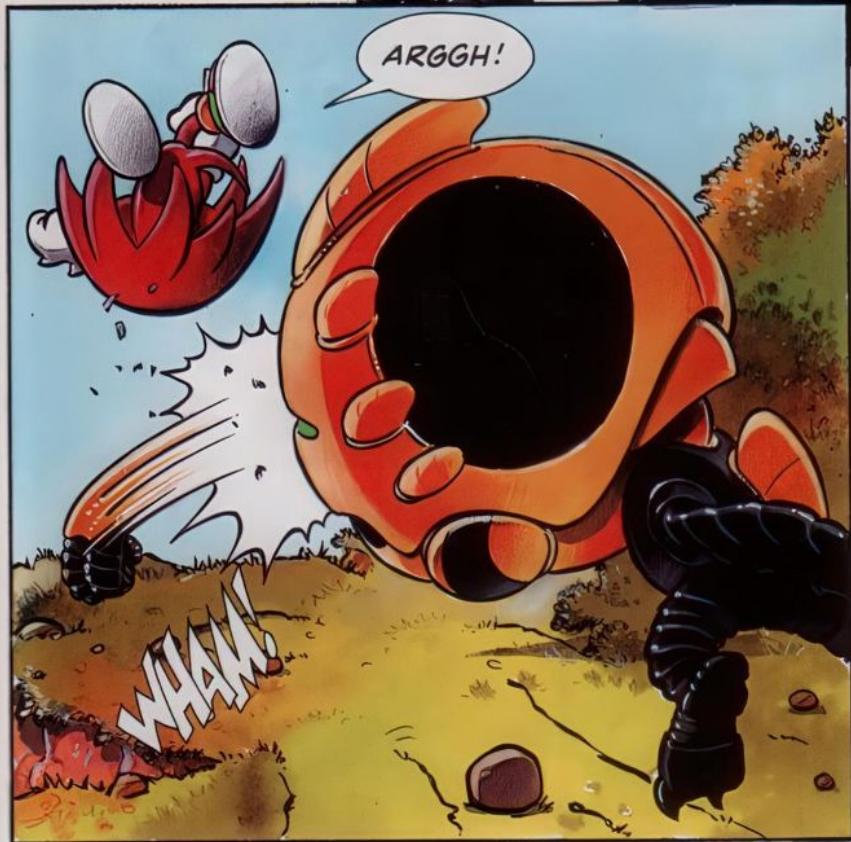


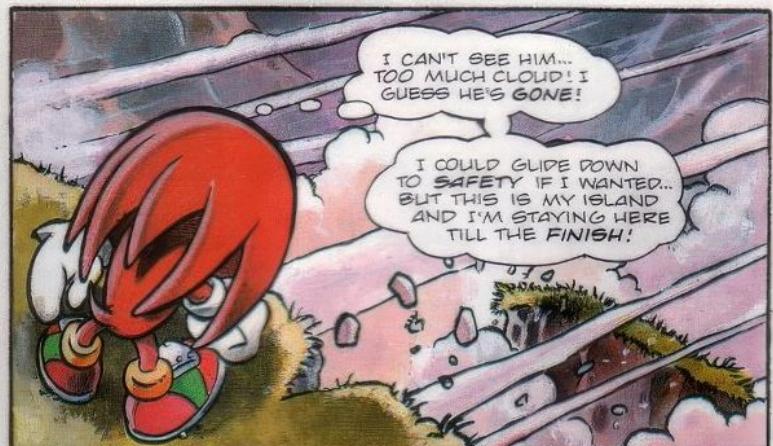
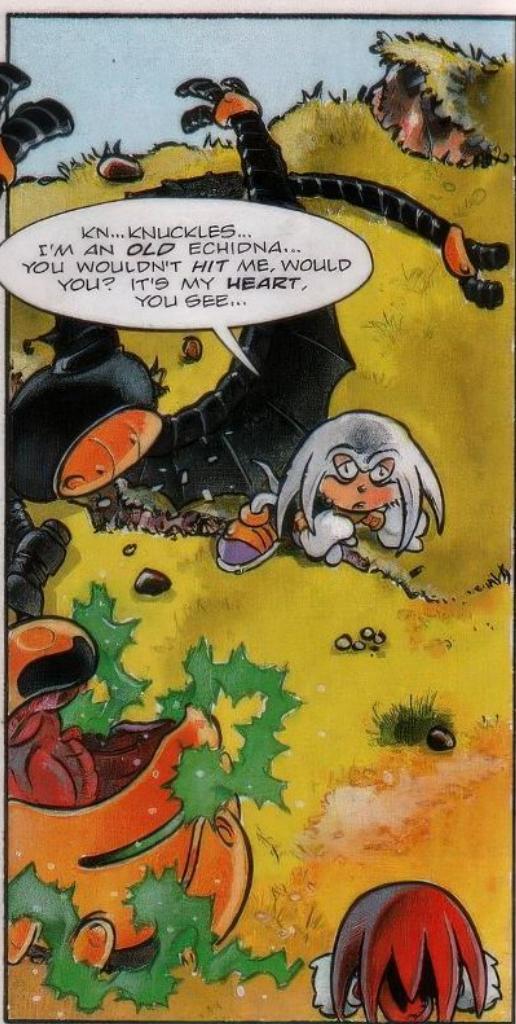
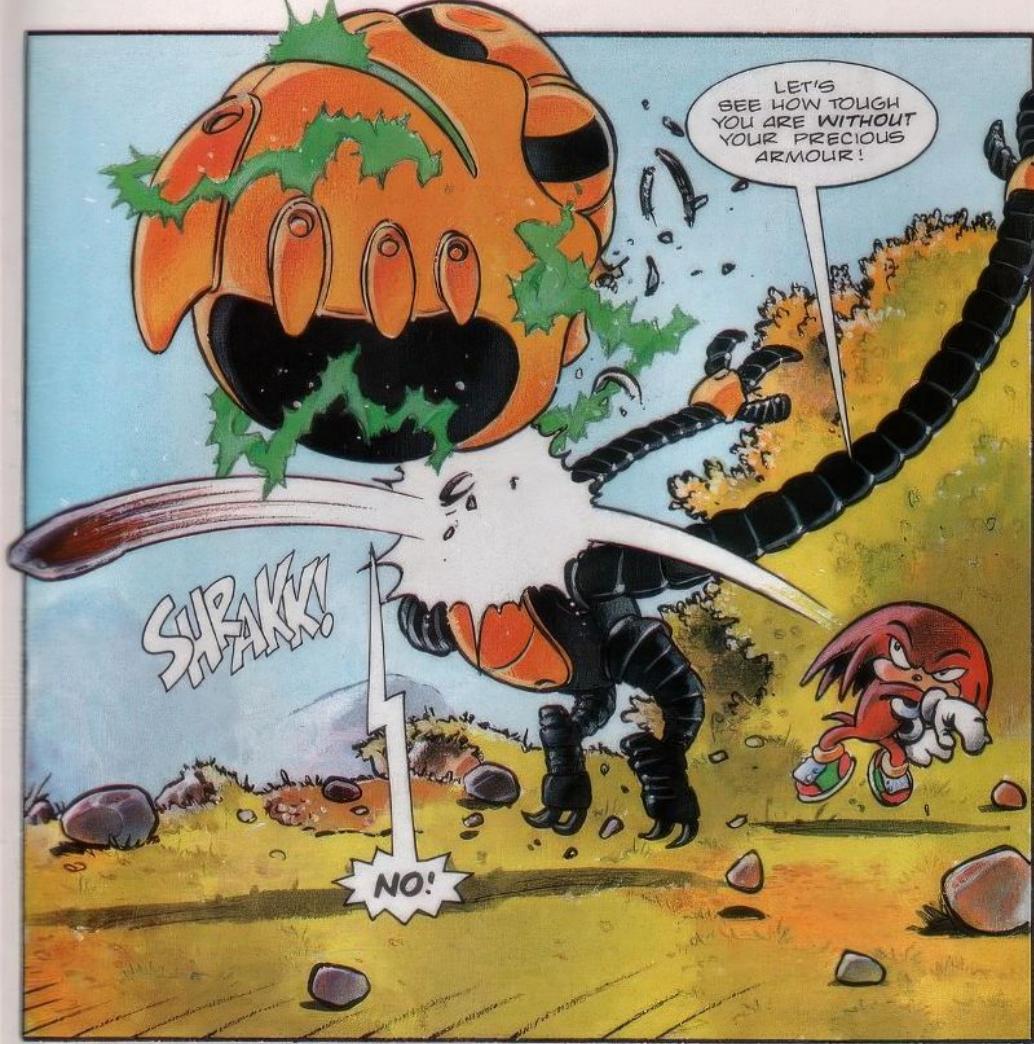
ELSEWHERE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, THE EMERALD HILL FOLK CONTINUE TO WORK ON THEIR NEW DWELLINGS BLISSFULLY UNAWARE OF THE DISASTER TO COME...

THIS IS IT... BRACE YOURSELF FOR IMPACT!











# JOBSWORTH GRAPHIC ZONE

SHOW STC WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IMAGINATION AND A SHEET OF PAPER.  
BOOMERS WHO GET THEIR ARTWORK PRINTED WILL RECEIVE A PACK OF CRAYOLA PENS.



Suited & booted!

Ian Wood,  
Ayr, Scotland.  
MD owner.  
Crayola Overwriter  
Pack Winner.

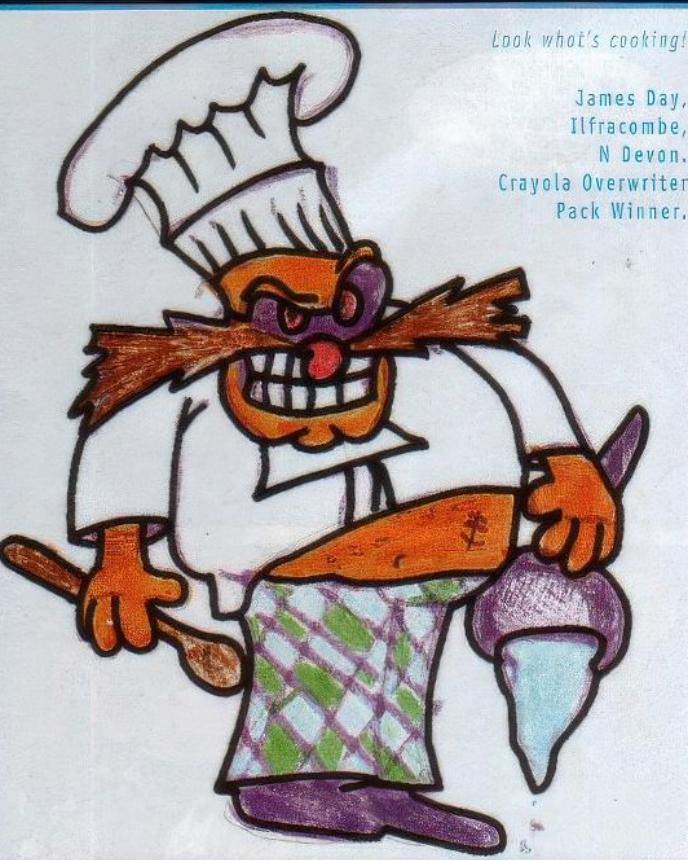
Hedgehog to go!



Boomer Brookes,  
Worksop, Notts.  
Crayola Overwriter  
Pack Winner.



Doctor Tails!  
Larisa Dannis,  
Chelsea, London.  
Crayola  
Overwriter Pack  
Winner.



Look what's cooking!  
James Day,  
Ilfracombe,  
N Devon.  
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Pack Winner.

Private Hedgehog!



Stephen Pembroke,  
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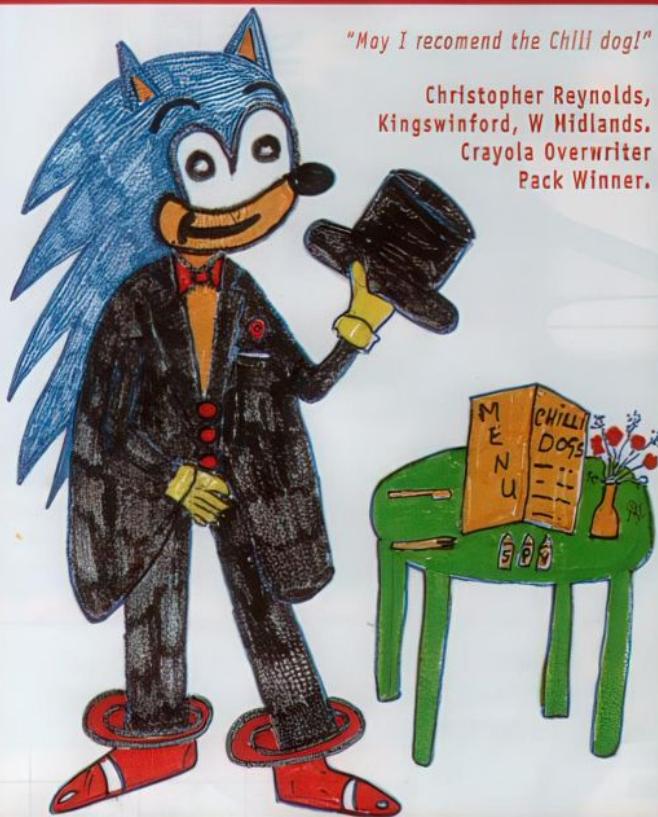
Knuckles turns game show host!



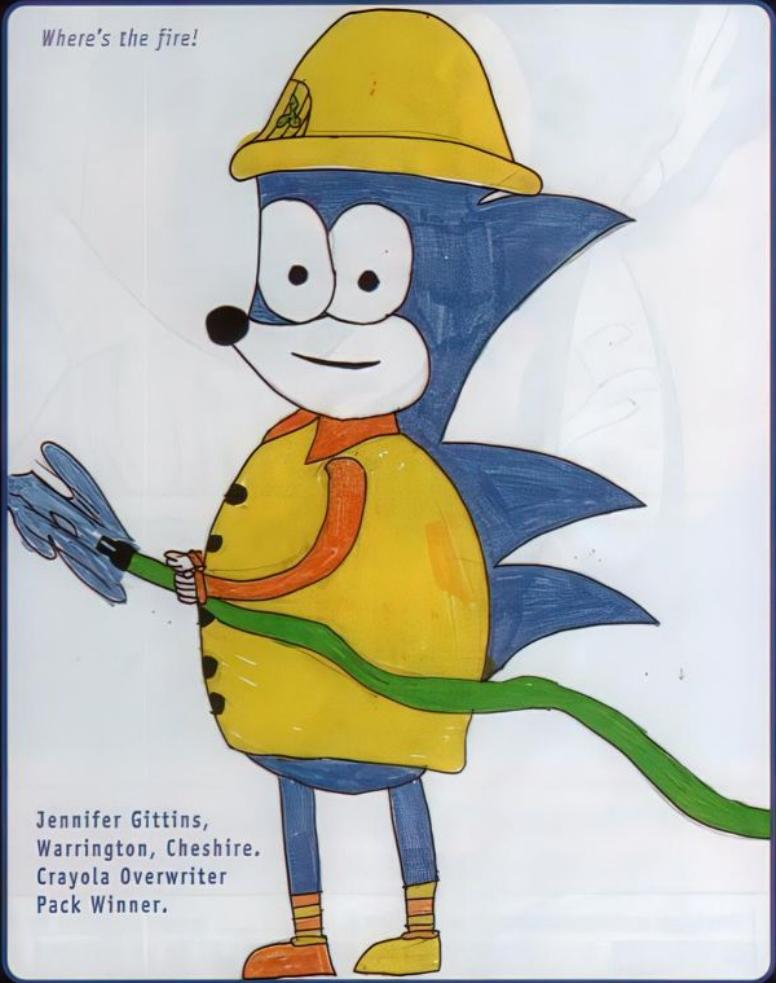
Simon Jenkins,  
Bristol.  
Crayola  
Overwriter  
Pack  
Winner.

"May I recommend the Chilli dog!"

Christopher Reynolds,  
Kingswinford, W Midlands.  
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Pack Winner.



Where's the fire!



Jennifer Gittins,  
Warrington, Cheshire.  
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Pack Winner.

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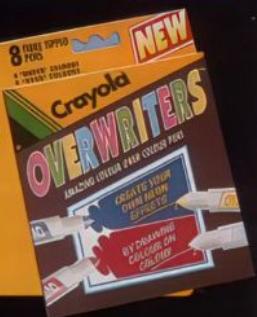
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COMPLETE  
STORY

# AMY in SNOW BUSINESS

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Colouring:  
OLIVIA BILL  
Lettering:  
TOM BRAKE

IT'S NEARLY NEW YEAR AND EVEN FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE TO TAKE A BREAK. KNUCKLES HAS ALLOWED SONIC, AMY AND JOHNNY TO SPEND A DAY IN THE ICE CAP ZONE ON HIS FLOATING ISLAND.

GOTCHA,  
JOHNNY!

YERRK!

HAH! I'M  
WAY TOO COOL  
TO BE HIT BY A SLOPPY  
SNOWBALL!

HOW  
ABOUT A QUICK  
SMOOCH UNDER THE  
MISTLETOE  
THEN?

GET REAL,  
AMY! YOU'VE TRIED  
TO CATCH ME UNDER  
THAT SINCE THE HOLIDAYS  
BEGAN! CHRISTMAS IS  
OVER... TRY AGAIN  
NEXT YEAR!

C'MON,  
GUYS! RACE  
YOU TO THE  
EDGE OF THE  
ZONE!

NO  
CONTEST,  
HEDGEHOG. YOU'RE  
ON MY TURF,  
REMEMBER?

HEY!  
WAIT -  
YIKES!

FF WOOOSH!!

HMPH:  
SOME HEDGEHOGS  
HAVE NO SENSE OF  
OCCASION! I DON'T GIVE  
UP THAT EASILY!"

WHERE'S  
THAT MISTLETOE?  
AH, UP THERE! NOW,  
IF I CAN ONLY  
REACH IT...

CLICK!  
JUST A  
LITTLE CLOSER,  
AND...

WHA-?  
SOMETHING  
JUST GAVE  
WAY...

DUH...  
ME AM THE  
SNOWNIK! ME WAS  
CREATED TO DESTROY ALL  
ENEMIES OF DOCTOR  
ROBOTNIK!

OOPS!  
LOOKS AS  
THOUGH I'VE  
STUMBED INTO  
TROUBLE!

WHRRRRR...

DESTROYYY!

HMM...  
I FIGURED YOU  
WERE GOING TO  
SAY THAT!

THIS 'SNOWNIK' MUST HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND WHEN ROBOTNIK WAS HERE! IT'S PRETTY SLOW, SO I SHOULD BE SAFE...

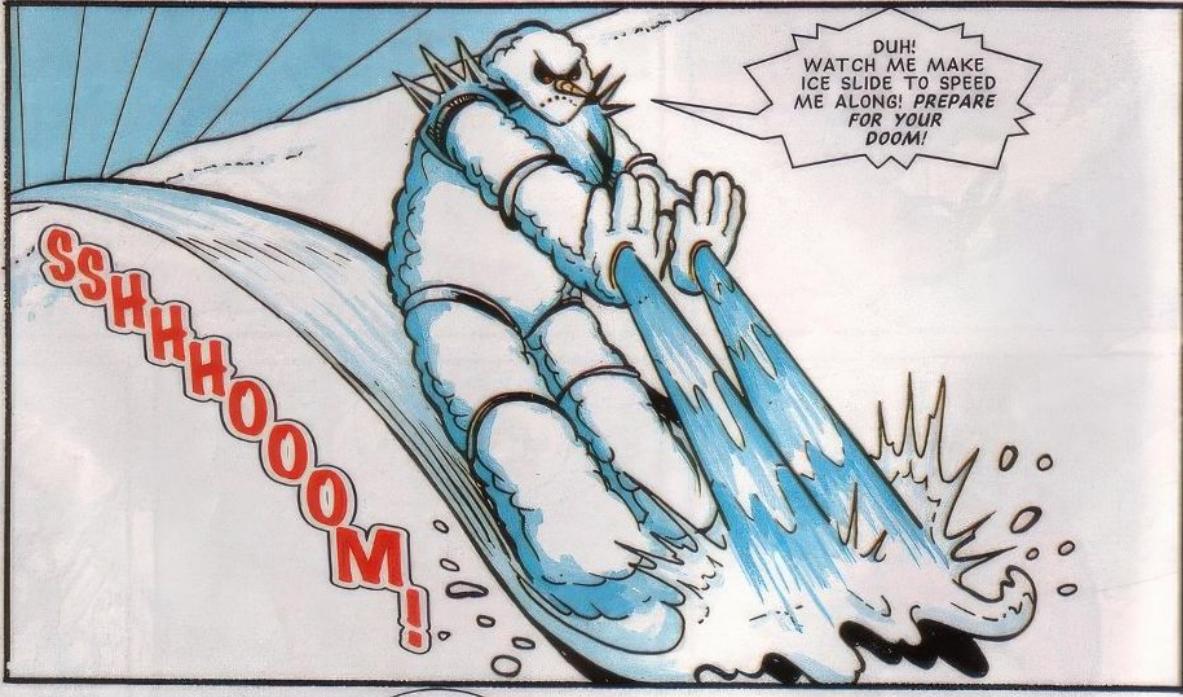
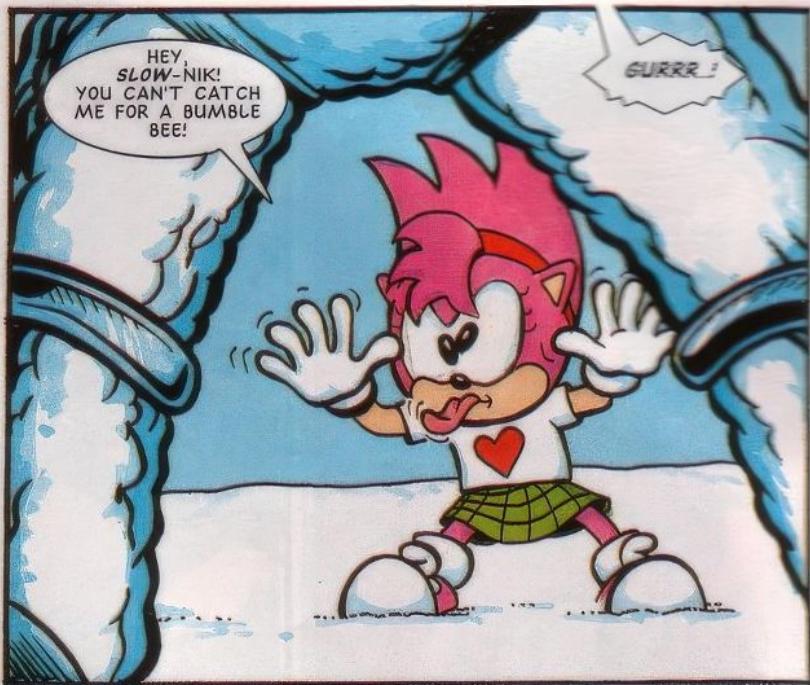
...OR MAYBE NOT! THIS GUY FIRES ICE BLASTS!

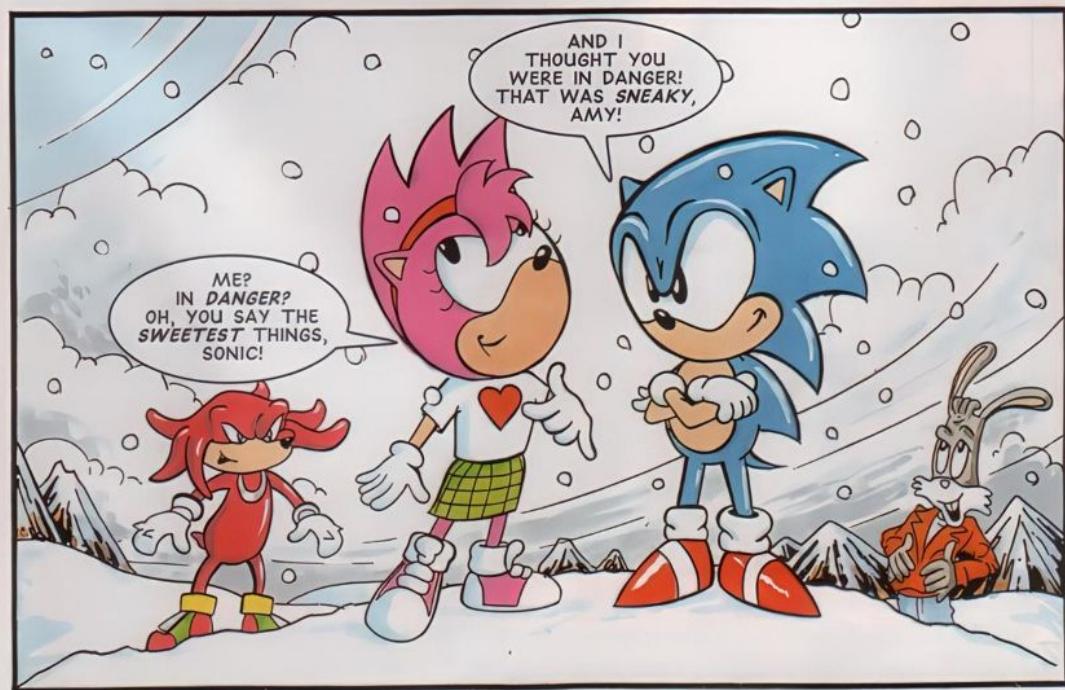
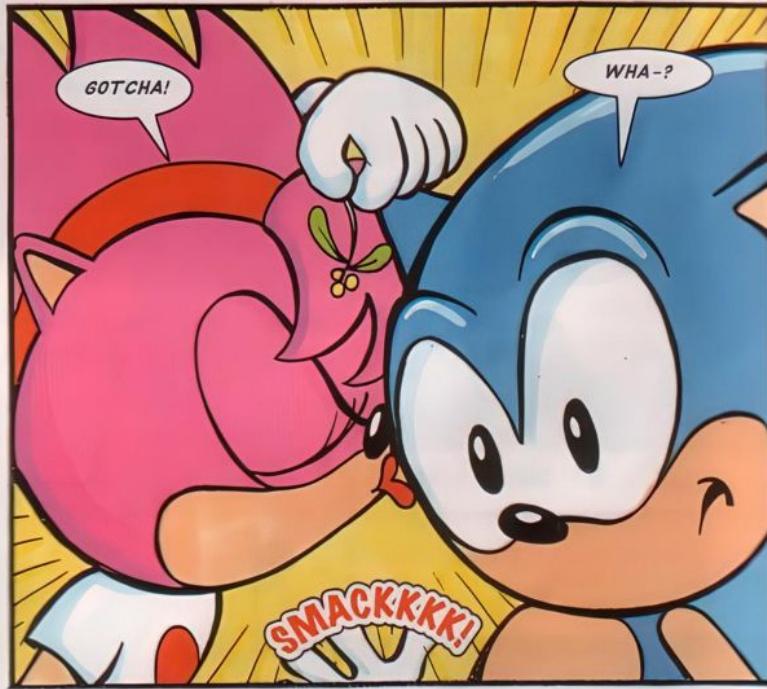
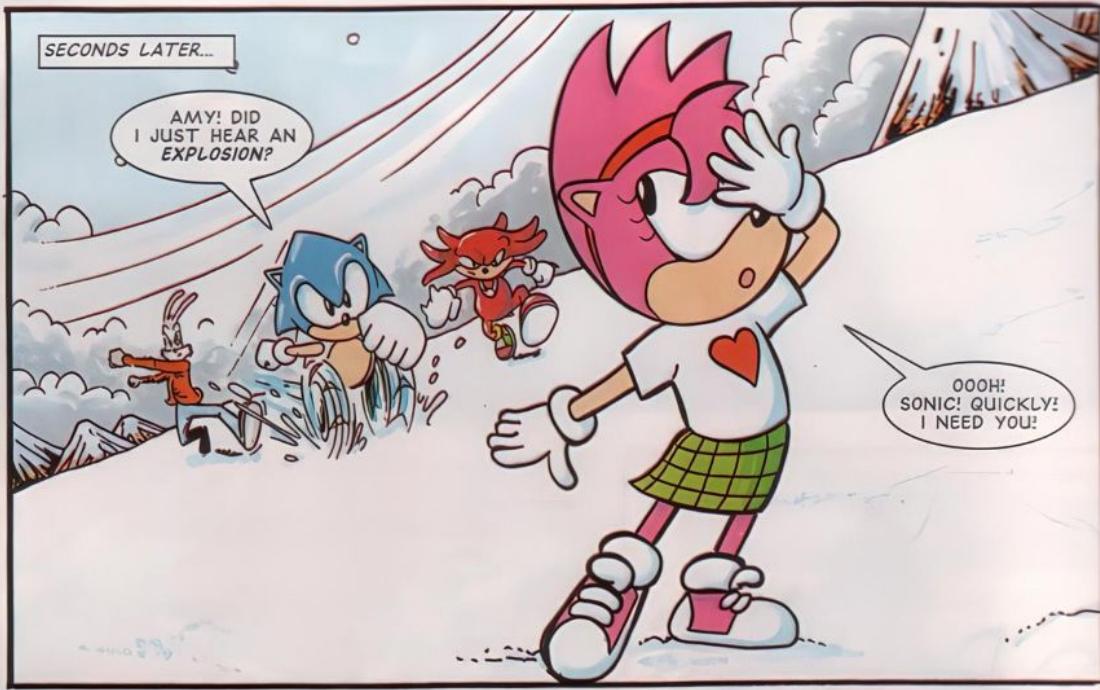
NO TIME TO WAIT FOR MY CROSSBOW TO THAW OUT! GOTTA FIND ANOTHER WAY TO BEAT THIS WALKING REFRIGERATOR!

UH-OH! GUESS YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN A FAIR FIGHT, ARE YOU?

FZZZSHHHHZ!

LET ME GET MY CROSSBOW AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I CAN DO!







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## RUBBER LOVE!

Dear STC,

I loved the Sonic rubber which came free with issue 63. I saved it for a big test last November and couldn't have managed without it.

Anthony Smyth, Co. Armagh,  
N. Ireland.  
Sonic Stationery Winner.



Glad it came in handy,  
Anthony.



Mina Robb, Cumbernauld, Scotland.  
MD user.  
Sonic Stationery Winner.

## MEGA MAD!

Dear STC,

Your comic keeps coming out late so I am going to burn each one of my issues to get rid of the evil! Don't give me one of your stupid comments, 'Megawimp' and don't even consider giving me a prize as I am too mad!

Chris Yates, Darwen, Nr Blackburn.  
MD & GG owner.  
Sonic Stationery Winner.

I think I agree with that last comment, Chris!



## UP THE WALL!

Dear Megadroid,

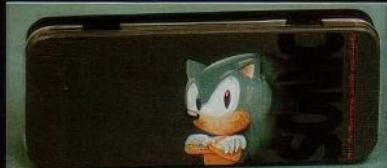
I share a bedroom with my little brother, which can drive us bonkers sometimes. This is mainly because we fight over which side of our room the posters should go on! I think I've been fair to suggest that my side of the room be filled first - then we can start on his side. What do you think?

Caroline Latham (& room 'mate'),  
Blackpool. MD Owner.  
Sonic Stationery Winners.

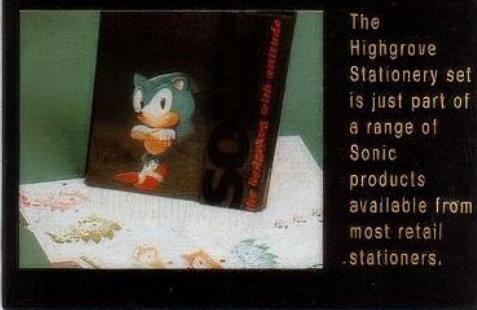


I think bunk beds could be the answer!

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I WOULD LIKE TO SEE .....

..... AS A COMIC STRIP IN STC.

THIS ISSUE'S  
MEGA HITS!

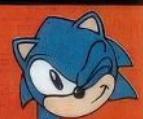
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